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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENTS (WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14)

1. TAX REVENUES CONTINUE TO SOAR:

THE TREND TOWARD RAPIDLY RISING TAX REVENUES CONTINUED THROUGH SEPTEMBER. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE, TOTAL PUBLIC SECTOR TAX REVENUES IN SEPTEMBER 1977 EXCEEDED COMPARABLE 1976 LEVELS BY 13.1 PERCENT. DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY - UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPTEMBER 1977, REVENUES WERE 13.2 PERCENT HIGHER THAN A YEAR AGO. THE REVENUE GROWTH RATES RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR COMPARE FAVORABLY WITH OFFICIAL TAX REVENUE ESTIMATES. THE LATTER (AS REVISED UPWARD IN AUGUST-SEE BONN 14213) PLACE PROBABLE GROWTH IN 1977 AS A WHOLE AT 11.8 PERCENT. WHEREAS TAX REVENUES ACCRUING TO THE STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS

OF THIS YEAR EXCEEDED LAST YEAR'S LEVEL BY 15.1. PERCENT EACH, FEDERAL TAX REVENUES ROSE BY A MORE MODEST 10.9

PERCENT

2. FEDERAL EXPENDITURES LAGGING LESS THAN PREVIOUSLY: THE PACE OF FEDERAL EXPENDITURES, WHICH HAS BEEN LAGGING THROUGH JUNE (SEE BONN 12288), QUICKENED IN SUBSEQUENT MONTHS. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY FINANCE MINISTRY FIGURES SUCH EXPENDITURES DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR EXCEEDED COMPARABLE 1976 LEVELS BY 5.1 PERCENT. THIS GROWTH RATE COMES MUCH CLOSER TO THE 5.9 PERCENT RISE OVER ACTUAL 1976 OUTLAYS IMPLICIT IN THE APPROVED 1977 FEDERAL BUDGET THAN THE 2.8 PERCENT YEAR-ON-YEAR INCREASE REGISTERED IN JANUARY-JUNE 1977.

3. FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET:

DESPITE CONTINUED BUNDESBANK INTERVENTION IN ITS FAVOR, THE DOLLAR WEAKENED ON GERMAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKETS DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 8-15. FRANKFURT SPOT AND FORWARD DOLLAR RATES DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS:

FORWARD DOLLARS SPOT DOLLARS (IN PCT PER ANNUM) OPENING FIXING CLOSING ONE-MONTH THREE-MONTH

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NOV 8 2.2635 2.2616 2.2580 - 2.6 - 3.3 9 2.2530 2.2531 2.2580 - 2.8 - 3.3 10 2.2620 2.2584 2.2530 - 2.9 - 3.3 11 2.2500 2.2504 2.2510 - 2.8 - 3.1 14 2.2520 2.2490 2.2430 - 3.1 - 3.3 15 2.2485 2.2490 N.A. N.A. N.A.

4. MONEY MARKET:

CALL MONEY RATES REMAINED BELOW THE LOMBARD RATE DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW AS DID RATES FOR ONE-MONTH MONEY. FRANKFURT INTERBANK MONEY RATES FOR THE PERIOD WERE AS FOLLOWS:

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CALL MONEY ONE-MONTH THREE/MONTH

NOV	8 3.85-3.95	3.95	4.10
9	3.85-3.95	3.95	4.10
10	3.85-3.90	4.00	4.10
11	3.75-3.85	3.95	4.10
14	3.80-3.90	3.95	4.10

5. BUNDESBANK FOREIGN POSITION:

DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 24 TO 31 THE BUNDESBANK'S NET FOREIGN POSITION REMAINED UNCHANGED AT DM 87.4 BILLION. SDR HOLDINGS DECLINED BY DM 47 MILLION WHILE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE HOLDINGS INCREASED BY DM 203 MILLION AND FOREIGN LIABILITIES BY ABOUT DM 160 MILLION. DURING THE FULL MONTH OF OCTOBER THE BUNDESBANK'S NET FOREIGN POSITION INCREASED BY DM 2.5 BILLION DUE TO SUBSTANTIAL DOLLAR PURCHASES BY THE BUNDESBANK DURING THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF THE MONTH.

FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 31 TO NOVEMBER 7, THE FOREIGN

POSITION OF THE BUNDESBANK INCREASED BY DM 0.4 BILLION

TO DM 87.8. SDR HOLDINGS DECLINED DM 14 MILLION. FOREIGN EXCHANGE HOLDINGS INCREASED BY DM 403 MILLION AND FOREIGN LIABILITIES INCREASED BY DM 391 MILLION.

6. BANK LIQUIDITY:

DURING THE SAME PERIOD (OCT. 24-31) BANK LIQUIDITY DECLINED BY DM 3.7 BILLION. THE BASIC FACTOR REDUCING LIQUIDITY WAS A SUBSTANTIAL DM 8.9 BILLION INCREASE IN THE BANK'S RESERVES HELD AT THE BUNDESBANK TO MEET OCTOBER RESERVE REQUIREMENTS. LIQUIDITY WAS FURTHER REDUCED BY THE USUAL INCREASE IN CURRENCY AND CIRCULATION AT THE END OF A MONTH (DM 2.9 BILLION) AND DM 0.4 BILLION OF PURCHASES OF MONEY MARKET PAPER FROM THE BUNDESBANK. THE ONLY FACTOR INCREASING LIQUIDITY WERE USUAL END-OF-MONTHS-PAYMENTS OF PUBLIC AUTHORITIES REDUCING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ASSETS HELD AT THE BUNDESBANK BY 3.8 BILLION TO DM 1.1 BILLION AND BUNDESBANK ASSETS OF STATE GOVERNMENTS BY DM 5.4 BILLION TO DM 3.5 BILLION. ASSETS OF OTHER PUBLIC AUTHORITIES (MAINLY THE FEDERAL POST OFFICE) INCREASED BY 0.7 BILLION.

THE BANKS FINANCED THE LIQUIDITY LOSS BY INCREASING LOMBARD BORROWINGS BY DM 3.5 BILLION AND SPECIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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REDISCOUNT BORROWINGS BY DM 0.3 BILLION. AT THE SAME TIME THEY REDUCED NORMAL REDISCOUNT BORROWINGS BY DM 0.2 BILLION. ON OCTOBER 31, THE BANKS' REDISCOUNT BORROWINGS AMOUNTED TO DM 14.7 BILLION, SPECIAL REDISCOUNT BORROWINGS TO DM 5.4 BILLION AND LOMBARD BORROWINGS TO DM 4.2 BILLION. THUS, AT THE END OF OCTOBER, THE BANKS' TOTAL CENTRAL BANK INDEBTEDNESS WAS DM 24.3 BILLION AS COMPARED WITH DM 20.6 BILLION ON OCTOBER 23.

BANK LIQUIDITY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER INCREASED BY DM 6.8 BILLION. FACTORS INCREASING LIQUIDITY IN ADDITION TO THE INCREASE IN BUNDESBANK RESERVES WERE A 3.2 BILLION DECLINE IN BANKS' HOLDINGS OF RESERVES AT THE/BUNDESBANK AND A REDUCTION BY DM 3.7 BILLION OF OFFICIAL ASSETS HELD IN BUNDESBANK ACCOUNTS. A DECLINE OF DM 0.8 BILLION IN CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION AND AN INCREASE IN BUNDESBANK CREDITS TO PUBLIC AUTHORITIES OF DM 1.0 BILLION FURTHER INCREASED LIQUIDITY. THE ONLY MAJOR FACTOR REDUCING LIQUIDITY WAS AN INCREASE

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IN OTHER LIABILITIES BY DM 2.2 BILLION.

THE BANKS USED THE INCREASED LIQUIDITY TO REDUCE THEIR SPECIAL REDISCOUNT BORROWINGS BY DM 3.6 BILLION AND LOMBARD BORROWINGS BY DM 4.1 BILLION. NORMAL REDISCOUNT BORROWINGS INCREASED BY DM 0.9 BILLION. THUS AS OF NOVEMBER 7, THE BANKS' CENTRAL BANK INDEBTEDNESS AMOUNTED TO DM 17.4 BILLION COMPARED TO DM 24.3 AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

7. BUNDESBANK TENDER OF TWO-YEAR BILLS:

THE BUNDESBANK ANNOUNCED THAT ITS OFFER OF TWO-YEAR UNCLASSIFIED

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BILLS RESULTED IN TOTAL SALES OF DM 1,771.5 MILLION AT AN AVERAGE DISCOUNT RATE OF 4.30 PERCENT. THIS RESULTS IN AN EFFECTIVE YIELD TO MATURITY OF 4.60 PERCENT.

8. BOND MARKET:

DOMESTIC BOND PRICES WERE RELATIVELY STABLE DURING THE

PERIOD. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, AVERAGE CURRENT YIELDS OF OUTSTANDING DOMESTIC BONDS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

REMAINING MATURITY

(YEARS) 1 3 5 7 9 10

NOVEMBER 4 4.35 5.05 5.55 5.95 6.25 6.30 NOVEMBER 11 4.35 5.10 5.55 5.95 6.25 6.35

9. FOREIGN DEUTSCHEMARK BONDS:

ON THE MARKET FOR FOREIGN DM BONDS THE FOLLOWING WAS ANNOUNCED:

EUROPEAN COUNCIL: DM 100 MILLION COUPON; 6.25 PERCENT, ISSUE PRICE 100; MATURITY 10 YEARS WITH REPAYMENT BEGINNING AFTER FIVE YEARS.

COMPANHIA ENERGETICA DE SAO PAULO: DM 150 MILLION, COUPON 7.0 PERCENT, ISSUE PRICE 99.5, UNCLASSIFIED

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MATURITY LO YEARS.

AUSTRIAN STATE BANK: DM 180 MILLION, COUPON 5.5 PERCENT, MATURITY FIVE YEARS.

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